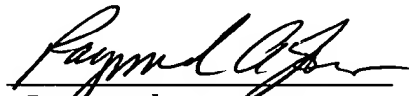


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : RAYMOND A. JOAO  
SERIAL NO. : 09/391,335  
FILED : SEPTEMBER 7, 1999  
FOR : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING EMPLOYEE  
BENEFITS AND/OR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS  
INFORMATION  
EXAMINER : C. GILLIGAN  
GROUP : 3626

Mail Stop Amendment  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is an Amendment and Response to Office  
Action in response to the Office Action, mailed February 7,  
2007, wherein the Examiner rejected Claims 544, 546-551, 553-

560, 562-572, 582-591, 594-600, 661-708, 762-786, 790-791, and 794-808 in view of prior art references and Official Notice.

Based on the following Amendments and Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows: